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FOLLOWING RECD FROM AMCONSUL RECIFE DATED 01 OCT SENT ACTION BRASILIA BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

RECIFE 173

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BR

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS MORRIS AND HANSON

1. FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF SUBJECT AMERICAN CITIZENS, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT FRED MORRISON WHO IS THE LOCAL TIME MAGAZINE AND ASSOCIATED PRESS STRINGER, AND PHILIP HANSON, WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORLD CHURCH SERVICE, WERE DETAINED BY BRAZILIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES DURING AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 30. THE POLICE AGENTS, ACCORDING TO NEIGHBORS, APPREHENDED MORRIS IN HIS APARTMENT AND TOOK HIM AWAY, ALONG WITH HIS MAID AND HANSON, WHO WAS VISITING MORRIS.

2. OUR CHECKS AT THE MORRIS APARTMENT TODAY WERE MET WITH COMPLETE STONEWALL BY OCCUPYING AGENTS. THEY STATE THAT MORRIS IS QUOTE OUT OF TOWN UNQUOTE.

3. LAST NIGHT (SEPT 30) FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF THE MEN SAY THEY WERE ABLE, AFTER MUCH PERSISTENCE, TO GET THE POLICE AGENTS AT THE APARTMENT TO ADMIT THAT MORRIS AND HANSON HAD
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BEEN DETAINED AND ARE BEING HELD FOR INTERROGATION.

4. I HAVE MADE FORMAL INQUIRIES OF THE STATE POLICE (DOPS), THE FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF, AND OF THE FOURTH ARMY TO ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF THE TWO MISSING AMERICANS. THE FOURTH ARMY GAVE AN INITIAL AND UNOFFICIAL RESPONSE THAT IT HAD QUOTE NO RECORD UNQUOTE OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS. OTHERS HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED.

5. IN SPITE OF ARMY'S INTIAL ASSURANCES, THERE REMAINS STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE TWO MEN HAVE INDEED BEEN DETAINED, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF MORRIS' PAST DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FOURTH ARMY OVER HIS ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. BROWN UNQUOTE CRIMMINS

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